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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 11-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 11-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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Claims 11-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue, which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claim subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

All independent reissue claims 11, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45, 48, 51, 52, 54, 55, 59, 60, 61 contain recapture issues whereby said claims fail to contain subject matter surrendered in the original application. Claim language similar to "wherein said level difference serves to avoid capillary flow of solder to prevent short-circuiting between the leads adjacent to each other" appears in every patented independent claim. Applicant in the amendment filed 6-15-1999 presented arguments relative to the level difference allowing a clearance so to avoid the capillary flow of solder which caused short circuiting as an essential feature regarding the patentability

of this invention and whereby this feature was therefore added to obtain allowance of the original patent. This feature appears relates to subject matter previously surrendered in the original application and must be included in the reissue claims.

The MPEP 1412.02 states that, "for example, assume that limitation A of the patent claims is omitted in the reissue claims. This omission provides a broadening aspect in the reissue claims, as compared to the claims of the patent. If the omitted limitation A was argued in the original application to make the application claims allowable over the art in the application, then the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered in the original application" see 142 F.3d at 1482,46 USPQ2d at 1649.

Independent claim 55 contains further recapture issues whereby said claim is broader than the original patent claims by deletion of a limitation or claim requirement that was surrendered in the original application. Said claim fails to include claims language of "said base (or lead) is shaped to form an extended portion providing a level difference along the base portion between said package and the plurality of leads proximate said package attaching plane so that a space is formed between the leads and the package" which was added in the amendment of June 6, 1999 to obtain allowance of the original patent. Said "level difference" and associated claim language was further argued in said amendment as being a key aspect of this invention relative to patentability. Claim 55 must also include this language that was surrendered in the patented claims.

Claims 11-62 are rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to S. V. Clark at telephone number (571) 272-1725.



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Art Unit 2823

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